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Applicant(s): Noriki TACHIBANA et al.  
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The Examiner refused to consider Japanese documents No. 4-152125 and 6-278149 on the reasoning that the specification did not include a concise explanation of relevance, as presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language. The Examiner objected to the specification statement on the basis that it merely mentions that these documents are examples of documents describing treatment techniques. It is submitted that, in fact,

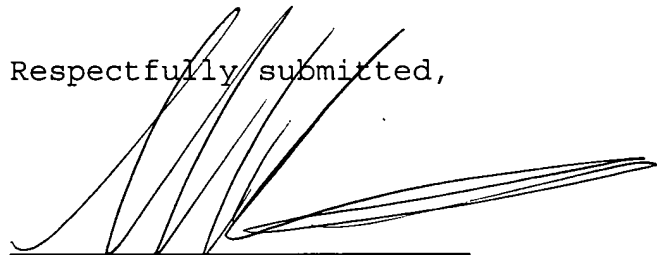
such a statement was a concise explanation of the relevance. In support thereof, and in addition to the earlier statement, applicants include herewith copies of Abstracts of the two documents. The below-named attorney is also advised that the complete text of the Japanese documents was studied and that there is no disclosure of a film which comprises particles.

In view of the above, it is requested that the documents be considered with respect to the patentability of the present invention and that an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO/SB/08A form be returned to applicants to indicate such publications have been considered and made of record.

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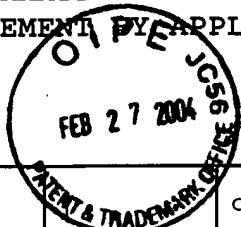
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